scheme of Non-formal Education and the scheme of Teacher Education. In addition, the Programme of Action has laid down several strategies to speed up Universalisation of Elementary Education. They include opening of new schools in schoolless habitations, child-centred and activity based process of learning mobilisation of the community and participative management of education, and an array of meticulously formulated strategies based on micro-planning to bring all children to school.

(b) and (c) The National Literacy Mission (NLM) aims at imparting functional literacy to 80 million adult illiterates in the 15-35 age-group by 1995. Specific steps being taken to achieve the objective of National Literacy Mission include securing people's participation increasing involvement of voluntary agencies, improving on-going programmes, launching mass movements institutionalising continuing education, ensuring availability of stadard learning materials, applying techno-pedgogic inputs and creating an effective management system at all levels.

Licences to individuals to ply buses on Routes approved by D.T.C.

1815. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to give licences to individuals to ply buses on routes approved by DTC; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) Private buses are already operating in Delhi under different types of permits and no proposal to change the existing system has been finalised.

Redesignate/Upgradation of posts in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

1816. SHRI DAVID LEDGER : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently decided to redesignate/upgrade the posts of Education Officers and Assistant Commissioner etc. of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the justification therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) and (b) No decision has been taken in this regard.

Demand for increase of flights between Guwahati-Calcutta and Guwahati-Delhi

1817. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM *be pleased to state:*

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a persistent demand from the people of the NE Region for increased number of flights between Guwahati-Calcutta and Guwahati-Delhi; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introluce additional flights in these routes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While Indian Airlines have plans to augment capacity between Guwahati-Calcutta and Guwahati-Delhi after induction of sufficient Airbus A320 aircraft capacity, Vayudoot is not in a position to step up the frequency of its existing flights between Calcutta and Guwahati due to capacity constraints.

Stoppage of trains at Barpeta

1818. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the railway passengers from Barpeta region of Assam have not been benefited from the introduction of N.E. Express and Trivandrum Express due to the absence of stoppage of these trains at Barpeta Road Railway Station;